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Attorney Docket No. 5552.0953-04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)
Mathias FIBI et al.)
Serial No.: 08/897,441)
Filed: July 21, 1997)
For: *Erythropoietin (EPO) Peptides and*)
Antibodies Directed Against These)



Group Art Unit: 1642
Examiner: N. Johnson

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of May 16, 2000, Applicants propose this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 5, 9, 14, 17, and 23 as follows:

5. (Three Times Amended) A method of using an erythropoietin (EPO) peptide for the preparation of epitope-specific anti-EPO antibodies, an epitope being defined as being composed of one or more peptides, or one or more sections of peptide sequences, wherein said EPO peptide consists essentially of a peptide of less than the complete erythropoietin protein, said peptide selected from the group consisting of amino-acid positions 1 to 35 (P4), 84 to 95

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